

# WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC)

Meeting of February 6, 2021

(Remote meeting via Zoom video and telephone conference)

## Member Attendance

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair

Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair

Emeritus

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair

Emeritus

Lori Anne Czepiel

Anthony Liberatore

Pam Mahoney

Bruce Solomon

Sally Sunshine

Phil Young

## Elected Officials

Sylvia Overby, Town Councilwoman, incoming Liaison to WCAC

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, outgoing Liaison to WCAC

## Members of the Public

Liz Albert

Sag Harbor

Barbara D'Andrea

Wainscott

Rosemarie Arnold

Wainscott

Franklin Davidson

Wainscott

Douglas Carey

Wainscott

Cynthia Del Mastro

Wainscott

Mary Luster Carpenter

Wainscott

Toby Dingemans

Wainscott

John Cullen

Northville

David Doty

Wainscott

Patricia Currie

Noyac

Alexander and Gouri Edlich

Wainscott

Jim Daigle

Wainscott

Hersey & Quincy Egginton

Wainscott

Michael Elkins  
Wainscott

Mark Evans  
Wainscott

Jose Gabriel Fernandez & Jose Macal  
Wainscott

Howard Fine & Lynn Cronin  
Wainscott

David Fink  
Wainscott

John Finley  
Wainscott

Abigail Fleming  
Wainscott

Michael Friedman  
Wainscott

Alex Gertsen  
Washington, DC

Sheryl Gold  
East Hampton

John Hall  
Wainscott

Michael Hansen  
Wainscott

Leonard Harlan  
Wainscott

Leigh Hoagland  
Wainscott

Si Kinsella  
Wainscott

John Kirrane  
Sag Harbor

Rona Klopman  
Amagansett

Sam Kramer  
Wainscott

Anna Lapinska  
Wainscott

Francine Lembo  
Wainscott

Bud and Phyllis Leventhal  
Wainscott

Marian Lindberg  
Wainscott

Pat Loret de Mola  
Wainscott

Alain and Anne Louvel  
Wainscott

Susan Macy  
Wainscott

Jordy Mark  
Wainscott

Paul Munoz  
East Hampton

Richard Myers & Bonnie Myers  
Wainscott

Richards and Tanya Nevins  
Wainscott

Doreen Niggles  
Wainscott

Marylin Ornati  
Wainscott

Blair Payton  
Baltimore

Job Potter  
Sag Harbor

Stacey Ruiz  
Wainscott

Jon Wainwright  
Wainscott

Janet Samuels  
Wainscott

Dianne Wallace  
Wainscott

Lee Schlissel  
Wainscott

Christopher Walsh, EH Star

Daniel Spelman  
Wainscott

Brian and Lauren Waterman  
Wainscott

Eric Steinhauser & Doreen Fox  
Wainscott

Diana Weir  
Wainscott

Jon and Julie Stoner  
Sagaponack

Holly Whitmore  
Wainscott

Erin King Sweeney  
North Carolina

Michael Wootton  
Wainscott

Jennifer Tanzmann  
Wainscott

Mike Wright, The Press News Group

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Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06 am after circulating by email the names of each participant who had RSVP'd in advance to be on the call.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Chair Logan Gluck asked the Board for approval of the January minutes. Liaison Councilwoman Sylvia Overby requested a change. WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia moved to approve the minutes with such change, Barry Frankel seconded and the Board unanimously approved.

Chair Logan Gluck then noted that Bill Williams had stepped down from the WCAC, and she thanked him for his service.

### **Liaison Report: Councilwoman Sylvia Overby**

Next Chair Logan Gluck invited Councilwoman Overby to present her liaison report.

### **Hamlet Study Implementation**

Councilwoman Overby reported that the planning department will begin reviewing the Wainscott Hamlet Study on Tuesday, February 9 at an 11am meeting, televised on Channel 22 (LTV dial-in number 351-888-6331 for questions and comments). The meeting will be repeated on Channel 22 from time to time, and also can be watched online at

<http://schedule22.ltveh.org/>. The meeting will provide viewers with an overview of the plan and the ways to accomplish it.

#### Covid 19 and Business Recovery

Councilwoman Overby announced that the Town is opening a second testing site in Montauk in the next week or so that will be open seven days a week from 7am – 9pm. Appointments can be made via the website. The Councilwoman noted that testing also takes place at Town Hall and in Montauk. The Town also is purchasing vaccines for local vaccine sites, and many residents have been vaccinated already by going to vaccination sites out of the area. She reported that on Feb. 4 there were 23 patients in Southampton Hospital, 5 in the ICU. Additional information is available on the Town's social media sites and at the NY state website [covid19vaccines@health.ny.gov](mailto:covid19vaccines@health.ny.gov). East Hampton is now in Phase 1B.

#### Leaf Blower Legislation Pending

Legislation restricting the use of diesel and gasoline leaf blowers from May 20 to September 20 is under consideration by the Town Board, and will be discussed at the upcoming Tuesday, February 9 meeting (details mentioned above). Councilwoman Overby noted that similar laws are in place in East Hampton Village and Southampton Village, and that Fred Thiele is looking into similar statewide legislation.

#### Police Reform Survey and Press Release

Councilwoman Overby discussed the survey, to solicit community experiences with the police department. She encouraged all citizens to participate. Chair Logan Gluck offered to send information to the WCAC email list.

#### SCWA Water Storage Tank

Suffolk County Water Authority owns a parcel of land north of the airport runway and south of the gun club, where it plans to install a water storage tank (partially above ground, 30 feet). Councilwoman Overby discussed the storage tank, and reported that there will be a virtual meeting for public comment hosted SCWA on February 22 at 6pm.

Questions were posed by members of the WCAC and the public, regarding potential lead contamination from the gun club, other contamination risks tied to the airport contamination issues, the dirt roads in the area and the impact of construction vehicles on the area and vegetation, and dumping that has occurred in the area.

#### Eversource/Orsted Developments; Community Agreement

Councilwoman Overby reported that Eversource would be conducting work over the next two weeks in the area.

She also noted that the Town had reached agreement with the Trustees to share the funds under the Community Agreement, including \$5.5m being put aside relating to Wainscott. Co-Chair Emeritus Barry Frankel asked how the money will be spent, how decisions will be made about spending the funds or any related process, and how Wainscott residents could have input. Councilwoman Overby indicated that spending decisions have not yet been made, although the Town Board resolution has some information about how the Community Agreement funds will be distributed. She further noted that while there is no process as of yet, she thought that input could come through the WCAC or another committee that could be established. Chair Logan Gluck stated her understanding that the

funds put aside for Wainscott would come at the end of the construction process, and Councilman Overby acknowledged that would be after 2023. Member Anthony Liberatore asked if the funds to be put aside for Wainscott are in addition to the previously-announced Community Agreement payments, and Councilman Overby indicated that they are part of such previously-reported payments.

Questions were posed by the public about how the amount proposed to be put aside for Wainscott was determined, the resolution of comments and issues about the Community Agreement previously raised by community members, the answers to questions raised at the last WCAC meeting (which answers were provided by Councilwoman Overby in writing and sent by the WCAC to its email list), questions about beach parking, whether payments under the Community Agreement have any escalation clauses.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **CPF; Planning Commission**

Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia reported that there is no current CPF activity relating to Wainscott. In addition, he reported on a proposal by ARF to the Planning Commission relating to an expansion of its office and kennel space.

#### **ARB**

Member Pamela Mahoney reported on activity before the ARB, including activity relating to (i) 118 Beach Lane (numerous variances for one-story residence), (ii) the proposed Verizon cell tower at 106 Stephen Hands Path (approved in steel gray), (iii) 49 Wainscott Hollow (new construction without fencing or gates) (iv) 104 Main Street (new elevations and modifications to landscaping plans), (v) 66 Wainscott Hollow (potato barn approved) and (vi) South Fork Wind Orsted/Eversource Cove Hollow substation/ (noise barrier proposed as part of Article 7 process, tabled).

#### **Code Enforcement**

Member Sally Sunshine reported that there were 211 code enforcement complaints last year, an increase from 127 in the prior year. She reported that the reasons for the increase include more residents living full time during Covid, an increase in rentals, building going on without permits and zoning issues.

#### **Highways, Traffic and Police**

Member Liberatore reiterated that the Police Survey is ongoing. He also reported that it has been quiet in Wainscott, with nothing out of the ordinary. As far as Traffic, because the speeding signs were removed for the winter there is nothing to report. As far as the Highway Department, he stated that there is nothing to report. He noted that he thought that there had been a good job addressing potholes. Chair Logan Gluck stated that she thought there was a good job clearing snow and leaves in the road too.

Member of the public Bud Leventhal then raised an issue with respect to the corner of Beach Lane and Main Street, where parking on the southwest side of the intersection along Main was blocking the sightline for cars and people trying to turn onto Main from Beach. Councilwoman Overby stated she would speak with the Police about options and also look into installing a no parking sign along that stretch, which she thought would require Town action and public hearing.

### Energy Sustainability

Chair Logan Gluck invited Paul Munoz, a member of the Town Energy Sustainability Committee appointed as liaison to the WCAC, to address the meeting. He discussed work the committee is doing.

The meeting then was opened to public questions and comments. Member of public and former WCAC Chair David Fink asked Councilwoman Overby about large old trees along Main Street that were removed by the Town. A discussion ensued about why and when the Highway Department moves trees, including the following questions: the process for the Town to replace removed trees and/or seek approval of removing trees; the importance of the historic canopy along Main Street and elsewhere in the community to the vistas and feel of Wainscott; whether solar on residences was compatible with the Wainscott tree canopy; resources available for tree preservation, maintenance and replacement; the potential role public donations and volunteers to replace trees in the right of way; and the Trillion Tree Movement and preserving community green infrastructure.

Chair Logan Gluck asked for volunteers for a new committee to focus on the issues of tree preservation and replacement, and the following residents volunteered to participate: WCAC Member Bruce Solomon, Co-Chair Emeritus Susan Macy, Mr. Fink and Chair Logan Gluck. Chair Logan Gluck also committed to reach out to the Bridgehampton CAC to identify and collaborate on shared concerns on this issue.

### Hamlet Study

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel gave some background on the Hamlet Study dating over the past 10 years, and thanked Councilwoman Overby for the upcoming meeting on the Hamlet Study (discussed above).

### **Ongoing Business**

#### Airport

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel then asked Councilwoman Overby for an update on the airport process and when/how Wainscott could have a voice and input on airport revisioning. The Councilwoman stated that the Town is still gathering data, and will take comments any time through the Airport Management committee or at Town or WCAC meetings. Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel then proposed to reinstitute the WCAC's Airport Revisioning Committee.

Members of the WCAC and the public then posed questions, including the following: whether there are Wainscott residents on the airport committee; what is the data the Town is collecting; whether the Town would take any funds from the FAA again; what type of process the Town is anticipating instituting for public input on the airport; issues relating to parts of the airport designated as Superfund sites including remediation requirements; the role and composition of the airport committee and lack of resident input or consideration. Chair Logan Gluck also committed to reach out to the Bridgehampton CAC to identify and collaborate on shared concerns on this issue.

### Incorporation

There then ensued a period of public comments and questions about issues relating to incorporation and the process and information anticipated for any referendum vote. Following that, Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea moved that the meeting come to a close,

which Member Mahoney seconded. At 11:52pm, Chair Logan Gluck announced that the meeting was closed.

**Next Meeting:** March 6, 2021, 9am, via Zoom video and telephone conference.